

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Frank Dietsche et al.

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Art Unit: 1794

For: **ESSENTIALLY CHROMIUM-FREE METHOD  
FOR PASSIVATING METALLIC SURFACES  
CONSISTING OF ZN, ZN ALLOYS, AL OR  
AL ALLOYS**

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Examiner: Jackson, Monique R

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Enclosures** include 1 (one) sheet with solubility data for Bisphenol A.